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P.S. This requires ~~no~~ reply. I
would not circulate petitions
after this even if you sent them.
I have no personal stake in
this except that I hate the
C. I. U. and admire your own
president James Hoffa whom I
have seen on TV. Telling the
phony politicians when to get
off
I am sure your Union Agreement
expires April 1st, ~~and~~ and
at the last meeting of
the U.M.W. I saw bravely
a Committee of 5 members
was elected to conduct
negotiations with the boat owner.
I was elected as a member
of this Committee, which should
prove that the membership
do have confidence in me.

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BROTHER SCOWCAPTAINS

PAWNS IN A COLD WAR

When our long struggle to straighten out the internal affairs in our Union was at the verge of success, a group working with the backing of an organization hostile toward the N. M. U. worked up membership hysteria by raising spurious issues and spreading vicious lies about Captain O'Hare who they are using as a bogymen, saying he wants each Captain to work FOUR boats, and about us -- they illegally elected a character named Thomas (?) Wilhelm with the right to put anybody he wanted on the payroll. With the help of Bushey Graham and apparently also Kasten, they went to the bank and drew out the Union treasury of about \$7000 before it could be impounded.

GRABS THE GREY HAM:

RUNS FOR UTOPIA.

They grabbed everything Kasten left behind including Bushey Graham and the Union Office, which they paid guards to cover night and day. They also called back Kasten's other man McPartland, and we had to move the office manager Tom Anglin down stairs to con-

that is too much to go into here, using every trick in the trade to eat it over. They quit our Union Local 335 U. M. D.--N. M.U.; yet they said that they were still Local 335 even after having left it!! They said they had gotten a Charter as a branch of the tree that grows in Brooklyn, the S. I. U. which at the affiliation hoax affair was described as standing for Security Independent Utopia (S. I. U., Jack Korn.)

BARKING UP WRONG TREE.

When Paul Hall made the commitment he did not know what kind of people he was dealing with. He had to issue trip cards on slow boats to China to separate individuals fighting for the loot. Even that did not stop fighting among those who were left, and one man was thrown down the stairs and had to be taken to the hospital. When he got out he went to their lawyer and demanded "the Union" pay the hospital bill. He was told to go see Wilhelm. Paul Hall also found that he had been misinformed about the nature of our problems. We all know what followed, and when President Meaney of the A. F. L.-C. I. O. requested that the S. I. U. withdraw its charter and send this bunch of troublemakers packing, Paul Hall didn't have to be asked twice. He'd had it. Meaney gave him an easy-out.

WINDFALL FOR WINDBAGS.

Having created utter confusion they were able to ride around in the Union's cars and represent themselves as delegates, collecting thousands of dollars in dues. At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. evidently because no labor organization would rent them a hall, they voted

and dues money had already been spent. We knew that by giving them enough rope they would expose themselves as the real phonies, which they have now done. This will enable us to get rid of not only Kasten and Graham, but also the other fakers and enable us to start over with a clean slate in time to prepare for negotiating a new agreement and for new local elections. That makes it worth the money lost.

(OVER)

BROTHER SCOWCAPTAINS

ATTEMPTING COMPANY UNION SETUP?

Their "Johnny-Come-Lately" new phoney local set up on demand of George Maaney and the whole A. F. L.-C. I. O. is not going to get us away from the U. M. D. to enable them to sign Company Union agreements at any terms so long as they get control of hiring, the right to charge \$200 for jobs and to collect dues. They brag that they have been to the D. A., have cases galore in Court and that the "Labor Board" is on the verge of "slapping down" such parasites as O'Hare, his U. M. D. and puppets. Has gone on so long that it is getting monotonous. Their Lawyer of course encouraged all kinds of Legal action as long as there was money in it for him. The membership will "slap down" the unholy trio of Wilhelm, Forbes and Graham, draw up our own demand for a better agreement, and face the owners with a sane and strong committee backed by the U. M. D. N. M. U. and all organized labor.

BULLETIN

At a regular membership meeting at 107 Washing-

Street on October 18th, a man was appointed by the President of the U. M. D. and approved by the members present to visit Scows and see that all Captains get back into good standing as required by the Unions Shop clause in our agreement with the boat owners. Those who were mislead can straighten themselves up by visiting the Union Office on the 3rd floor of 107 Washington Street, or with the temporarily appointed delegate. — As for those who paid dues to the wrong parties, all considerations will be accorded circumstances under which they paid, and to the attitude of each man.

President Maaney's decision which is backed by De-laney of the Operating Engineers and the whole A. F. L.-C. I. O. means that the U. M. D. — N. M. U. retains jurisdiction over the Scow Captains.

Issued by Rank and File Members,

Local 336 U. N. D. N. M. U., AFL-CIO.

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Brooklyn N.Y., Dec 29th 60

Mr. Harold A. Gibbons

Dear Sir: I hope your subreport
You will remember your communications
with me and the reports of the Outlets
concerning your trouble with the S.I.U. scales
in Puerto Rico which cost the life of some
of your men. Those reports are now in the
hands of harbor workers here. Though I have
only a limited mailing list, I have key
men on the various runs, and the prints
got a thorough circulation.

When President Meaney of the Q.F.L.-P.I.O.
requested the S.I.U. to withdraw its charter
Paul Hall complied immediately, but
the Local did not go back to the United
Marine Division, N.M.U. The leaders of
the fraction that went over to the S.I.U.,
who it appears controls about 3/3 of the
Scow Captains, sent out letters to the
membership that we are now independent,
calling themselves the Independent
Deck Scow Local 335, stressing the
need more than ever before of sticking

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Together against Capt. Joseph O'Hare who is the President of the United Marine Division and against whom they have build up membership hate. The reason they can get away with that is that Capt. O'Hare used to come down and take over our local meetings, pushing aside our local officials and run the meetings in person to suit himself; Taking personal issue with any member who took the floor. The local officials did not resist him. When the memberships got the upper hand, instead of using it's rights to put him in his place, they followed the S.I.U. plan into the S.I.U. with the consequences that is now well known.

Actually the U.M.D. consists of 3 locals. Local 333 is the tugboats and oil barges. That is the key to the whole setup. Local 334 is the barges carrying coal which is the

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me to be imminent. If you could
send me some petitions to get in
on that election, I personally believe
that the I.B.T. would stand a damned
good chance of getting the majority
vote. You would have bargaining
power with the deckscow operators
because your members handle the
bargain of the scows in the basic runs,
the sand, stone and gravel. However
we would want no part of the gang
that played games with the S.I.U. That is
Wilhelm, Forbes, Graham, Vappo, Sullivan etc.
But we don't need them. All we need
is enough signatures to get in on the
I.B.T. elections which I think is coming —
one side or the other is going to demand
it. ~~what's~~ side the N. Labor Board rules
against. If the I.B.T. could get in on that,
I think most scowcaptains would vote
for it. If you are interested, please send me
petitions, but act fast.

Sam Carlson, 418-58th St. Brooklyn 20, N.Y.

smallest consisting now of only about 130
 members. We are Local 335 consisting
 of about 750 members, one man for each
 boat employed in Sand & gravel,
 crushed stone, scrap iron, copper,
 cinders, ballast, lumber, and various
 other harbor trade. Our natural
 affiliation is with the Tugboats who
 tow and handle the boats, but the
 head of the Tugboat Local is Capt.
 O'Hare who most scow captains hate
 partly because of his own attitude, and
 partly because of the propaganda this
 S.I.U. gang has put out exhorting this.
 That is why that in spite of Sheaney's
 decision they have been able to keep
 most scow captains from going back
 to the U.M.W. N.M.U. Our Union
 Contract expires on April 1st 1961, and both
 sides claim jurisdiction. Actually
 most scow captains don't want either one
 of them; a N.L.R.B. election seems to

Mr. H. J. Gibbons:

Brooklyn Sep 28th 1960

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Dear Sir:

Received your letter of ~~Sep. 28th~~ and also the reprints, for which I am grateful and want to express deepfelt appreciation on behalf of myself and others.

It is my pleasure to be able to report that the S.I.U. has been ordered by George Meany of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. to withdraw the charter from the group to whom they issued it, and whom they used to call the jurisdictional strike in July, which became effective only when the Teamsters respected those S.I.U. picket lines on orders from Mr. O'Rourke, who perhaps had not at that time been informed concerning the S.I.U. attacks on Teamsters picketlines elsewhere.

Our job now is to get rid of the S.I.U. plants who now may try to run our local within the United Marine Division, N.M.U., ~~to not~~ the organization that holds our bargaining agreement with our employers, with the hope of steering us back into the S.I.U. next spring when this agreement expires. The

reprints you mailed me are been circulated and as any effective strike on our part depends upon the backing of either the U.M.D. or the I.B.T., it should convince the membership that if they return to the S.I.U., no strike (under S.I.U. auspices) can be effective.

I have thought of the possibility of the same men who have been playing footsie with the S.I.U., in order to avoid the order ^{to} return to the U.M.D.-N.M.U., now might apply to you for a charter. The names of the S.I.U. stooges are Thomas M. Wilhelm, Edward Swerman and one Edgington. One John Forbes has acted as Wilhelm's right hand man. David Graham our old delegate while in the U.M.D., joined hands with them and was kept on the payroll. Another S.I.U. plant is J. Kappo. Wilhelm, Forbes, Graham and Kappo took over our local and put themselves on the Union Payroll as "Board of Directors" without any elections having been held. They also hired an office clerk, making a total of 5 full time Union Functionaries in a local where only two paid officials are necessary. Since they took over in May, they have put our local in the red. There is a strong sentiment for the Teamsters with they now may try to exploit for their own aims.

Sam Carlson

Office of the General President

To: **Jake McCarthy**

From: **H. J. Gibbons**

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Please send Samuel Carlson as per attached letter

500 copies of the reprint from our magazine on the Puerto
Rico violence.

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H.J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
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Sent 9/7/60 - O.R. (g)

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September 2, 1960

Mr. Samuel Carlson
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Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I have your communication of August 27th and under separate cover we are sending you reprints showing the S. I. U. attacking our picket lines in Puerto Rico.

The plant on strike was a newspaper run by one of the most vicious reactionary employers on the island. We organized the entire work jurisdiction of the newspaper and was forced to strike for recognition and a contract. As soon as we put up picket lines, the S. I. U., who had no members involved, and who were not even attempting to organize the plant, acted as strike breakers for the employer. Two of our people died from the beatings of S. I. U. and the police, and of course, dozens were hospitalized and practically every one of our pickets were jailed. We are still maintaining our line, however, and will win. Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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Brooklyn N.Y.

Aug 27th 1960

Gentlemen:

I am a member of Dockers Captains Local 335, which was recently taken over by the S.I.U. in a raid on the United Marine Division, N.M.U.

On July 20th they sent swarms of unemployed S.I.U. members pulling in men of the boats and establishing picketlines. On July 21st and 22nd the Teamsters ~~it~~ respected those S.I.U. picketlines which made the strike effective. It was settled on Sunday July 25th when representatives of George Meany stepped in.

If you have any extra issues of The International Teamster for August 1960, containing proof that the I.B.T. picketlines elsewhere were attacked by S.I.U. goons assisting police, I would appreciate it if you would mail me some for distribution among our members. Being at war with the U.M.W. whose tugboats can handle our boats without us during any strike, if our picketlines under the S.I.U. will not be respected by Teamsters because of S.I.U. activity, our position is hopeless if staying with the S.I.U.

I want to convince our members of this.

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